



HO-CHUNK NATION DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

# Child Care Assistance Program

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Director  
Office of Child Care  
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Washington, DC 20201

Dear OCC Director:

This letter describes how The Ho-Chunk Nation plans to use the Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF) awarded under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA).

We plan to use CRRSA funds for activities in the following categories:

**1. Direct Services/Subsidies**

- Voucher payments direct to the provider for current participants.
- Payments direct to the provider for essential workers described as any employee, contractor or staff whom we rely on to maintain the safety and health in our communities. These essential workers would otherwise not qualify for the program.

**2. Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices**

- Health and Safety supplies to help prevent the spread of the Coronavirus will be provided to providers.
- Health and Safety resources will be provided to our providers such as deep cleaning services, technical assistance, etc.
- Air scrubber units and temperature kiosks will be purchased and distributed where we deem necessary in our provider's facilities.

**3. Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers**

- Mini grants will be offered to providers we currently work with as well as providers who have experienced hardship due to the COVID. These can be utilized for increased operating expenses, supplies, etc.



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#### **4. Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic**

- As stated above we will offer mini grants as well as direct assistance that the Tribal Lead Agency as well as the providers deem necessary in regards to health and safety equipment, supplies and resources that prevent the spread of COVID.

#### **5. Other**

- Due to increased operating expenses, we will be offering assistance in purchasing necessary technology for the providers.
- Continuing Education expenses will be covered for Directors and staff.

The Ho-Chunk Nation will amend our CCDF plan as a result of activities implemented under CRRSA funding not currently described in the plan, within 60 days of implementation.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Ho-Chunk Nation

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